News release

Hottest day of the year to come

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This week's much heralded heatwave should bring Britain's hottest day of the year so far. Met Office forecasters are predicting temperatures in the middle 30s Celsius by mid-week.

Ewen McCallum, Head of Forecasting at the Met Office, said: "We've already had some hot weather this summer but next week could well be hotter still. We could even get within a degree or two of the UK's all time record temperature of 37.1 °C but with temperatures that high we can't rule out the odd thunderstorm.

Notes:

Highest temperature so far this year was 33.6 °C on 15 July at Wisley Surrey.

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